

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Claim 8 has been amended as follows: --

8. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

a membrane module having; an inlet connected to a feed line, the membrane module having a concentrate outlet coupled to a concentrate line, and the membrane module having a permeate outlet coupled to a permeate line, the permeate line communicating with a faucet; and  
a flush reservoir communicatively coupled between the permeate line and the feed line;  
wherein the system is configured such that permeate does not enter the flush reservoir while the faucet is turned on, and permeate does not enter the flush reservoir until after the faucet is turned off, when a portion of permeate is delivered to the reservoir and then delivered to the inlet of the module to flush the module;  
an automatic shut-off valve coupled between the permeate line and the feed line and operative to open and close the feed line;  
a first check valve between the permeate line and flush reservoir; and  
a second check valve between the flush reservoir and the feed line, wherein the automatic shut-off valve closes in response to a -- build-up of pressure differential across the shut-off valve -- [first pressure], the check valve between the permeate line and the flush reservoir opens in response to a pressure buildup in the permeate line -- [second pressure], and the check valve between the reservoir and the feed line opens in response to a -- reservoir pressure being greater

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than the feed line pressure -- [third pressure, the first pressure less than the other pressures, and the second pressure less than the third pressure] . -- .

Claim 19 has been amended as follows: --

19. (currently amended) The system of claim 8, wherein the -- automatic shut-off valve is -- [control includes] a non-electric automatic shut-off valve. -- .

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew Peret on February 27, 2008.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Independent claim 8, and claims dependent therefrom are now distinguished in view of recitation of the recited two separate check valves between the permeate line and flush reservoir and flush reservoir and feed line, respectively, in combination with automatic shut-off valve coupled between feed line and permeate line, and associated responsiveness to pressure differences and pressure build-ups. The amended claim language was made to make claim 8 language concerning valve responsiveness to be more consistent with language of the instant Specification and to be consistent with, and supported by page 5, lines 11-18 of the instant Specification. The amendment to claim 19 mitigates a potential antecedent basis problem.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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